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Welfare Schemes for Workers

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and proportion of labourers engaged in the unorganised sectors in the country, State/UT-wise and Sector-wise;
- (b) the details of welfare schemes being implemented for the said workers including the number of persons benefited therefrom during the last three years and the current year and the amount of funds allocated/utilised under each scheme during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to give more teeth to the unorganised Workers Social Security Act and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the mechanism including legal provisions/norms in place to safeguard the interest/rights of unorganised workers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): According to the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 2011-12, the total employment in both organised and unorganised sector in the country was of the order of 47 crores. Out of this, about 8 crores were in the organised sector and the balance 39 crores in the unorganised sector. The State/UT-wise and sector wise is not maintained.
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(b): In order to provide social security benefits to the workers in the unorganised sector, the Government has enacted the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008. The 2008 Act stipulates formulation of suitable welfare schemes for unorganised workers on matters relating to: (i) life and disability cover, (ii) health and maternity benefits, (iii) old age protection and (iv) any other benefit as may be determined by the Central Government through the National Social Security Board. The details of welfare schemes being implemented for the said workers including the number of persons benefited during the last three years and the current year and the amount of funds allocated/ utilised under each scheme during the said period, State/UT-wise are at Annexure I.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no such proposal.

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